

## 7 Educational Apps to Keep Your Child on Track for the Upcoming School Year

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Summer is a wonderful time for fun and memorable experiences, but it also serves as the perfect transition period for your child to continually improve upon his or her knowledge for the coming school year. During this time it is important for your child to read and practice subjects that he or she may have struggled with in the past, but who says these skills can't be practiced using enjoyable and educational games available on the go? With technology available at both our fingertips and our children's, it is beneficial for parents to take advantage of the many free educational apps that are available on tablets and smartphones. Below you will find a list of eight apps covering different subjects that will promote learning in enjoyable and interactive ways.

1. **App Name:** *BrainPOP Featured Movie*  
**Description:** This app offers users a new educational video every day that will cover topics from a wide variety of subject such as science, music, and history. After watching the video, your child will be able to take a quiz on the material covered in order to test his or her comprehension. Users are also able to view archived videos from previous daily posting, giving them the ability to learn about unique and interesting facts whenever they have a spare moment.
2. **App Name:** *Duolingo*  
**Description:** If your child is getting ready to start a foreign language class, or is even curious about learning a new language, *Duolingo* is a great starting place. The app offers mini-games that cover reading, writing, and speaking skills and make learning as addictive as any video game. The user has the ability to learn nine different languages on this app and can even compete against friends to keep the games challenging and interactive!
3. **App Name:** *Dictionary.com*  
**Description:** The *Dictionary.com* app takes the days of skimming through a large paper dictionary to a whole new level. Featuring a word of the day, trending words, and an informative blog, users are not only able to search for words in the dictionary, but also learn new words and gain more insight into the words that are currently trending.
4. **App Name:** *Sushi Monster*  
**Description:** If your child is on the road to learning or is currently learning addition and multiplication. The *Sushi Monster* app helps children with addition and multiplication skills in combination with critical thinking skills. The app allows users to feel as though they are truly immersed in a video game, creating a depth of challenge that makes mathematics a real competition!
5. **App Name:** *SAT Flashcards*  
**Description:** Is your child ready to start preparing for college entrance exams? With the *SAT Flashcards* app it is never too early or too late to start studying! This app puts over 5,000 flashcards in the palms of student's hands, providing an easy way to learn new words whenever the user has a couple minutes of free time. The app also allows users to tab words that they struggle with, giving users the opportunity to create a personalized portable study sheet.

6. **App Name:** *NASA App*  
**Description:** Give your child the stars, moon, and an unbeatable view of the Earth, without ever leaving home! The *NASA App* is an educational experience that gives users access to thousands of awe-inspiring images, live streaming from NASA TV, and access to current NASA news and information. With this app you have the ability to spark your child's interest in science, or continue to amaze them with all that our galaxy has to offer!
  
7. **App Name:** *Elements- Periodic Table Element Quiz*  
**Description:** If your child has struggled in the past with learning the Periodic Table of Elements, or would like to start learning it, this app is a great way to start. The *Elements* app quizzes users on matching an element name to its symbol and offers both an easy and a hard level. To add some extra competition to the game, the user can choose to post scores to social media sites and encourage friends to score higher.

There are many educational apps beyond the content of this list that cover a diverse range of subjects and are targeted to different age groups. With that in mind, our department encourages you to try the apps listed above as stepping-stones towards discovering the most relevant apps to facilitate your child's unique learning style.